

Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2012 debuts, Exelon and Constellation Energy merger settlement, Public Utilities Commission expands and improves EmPOWER Maryland, new Electric Truck Voucher Program and more...

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Powering Maryland's Future

Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2012 Debuts

The Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2012 will enable Maryland to harness the powerful gusts of wind blowing off of Maryland's shores and to create thousands of jobs in a new offshore wind industry. By establishing an offshore wind renewable energy credit (OREC) carve-out within Maryland's existing Renewable Portfolio Standard, the bill will create the right policy framework to encourage private investment in this emerging industry and provide our citizens with clean renewable electricity. The bill would limit the anticipated rate impact to \$2.00 per month for the average residential customer, which would not take effect until 2017.

[Read more](#) about Governor Martin O'Malley's 2012 Legislative Agenda.

Exelon - Constellation Energy Merger Settlement Reached with the State

The State of Maryland and the Maryland Energy Administration have [reached a merger settlement](#) with Exelon - Constellation Energy that will infuse over \$1 billion in investment into the Maryland economy over the next decade and create more than 6,000 jobs.

Highlights of the merger include:

- \$100 credit for every residential electricity ratepayer.
- \$10 million to EmPower Maryland – more than double the original offer.
- \$10 million to Electric Universal Service Program – double the original offer and would allow awards to 22,470 families (based on average award size).
- \$50 million to weatherization efforts at DHCD – no offer in the original proposal and would pay for approximately

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MEA in the News

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- The Baltimore Sun

[Edison Mission Group Commissions Wind Energy Project Providing Clean Energy to the State of Maryland](#) - MarketWatch

[Study sees wind energy bounty off MD's coast](#)
- The Baltimore Sun

[Governor O'Malley EmPOWERS "Clean Energy Communities" with an Additional \\$2 Million For Energy Improvements](#)
- Maryland Energy Administration

[Solar energy system will begin at Westover school](#)

- Bladensburg, other municipalities upgrading homes with \$100,000 state grant - *The Gazette*

View MEA's [All Incentives](#) page to find the grants, loans, rebates, and tax credits you need to implement energy efficiency upgrades and install renewable energy systems.

The Maryland Energy Administration's mission is to assist Maryland citizens and businesses to save money through smart investments to obtain real results in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation. MEA fuels the creation of green jobs by providing funds and resources to expand the use and availability of clean, safe energy in Maryland.

Throughout the fall, MEA worked closely with local electric utilities and the Maryland Public Service Commission to improve the EmPOWER Maryland programs for 2012 to 2014. MEA advocated for higher rebates from utilities and additional energy efficiency program offerings to help Marylanders maximize energy savings.

- Increased rebates for energy efficient equipment for residences and businesses,
- Increase in rebate amounts from 15% to 50% of the cost of residential energy makeovers through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program, and
- Statewide administration of limited income energy efficiency programs by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

MEA's 2011 Year-in-Review Now Available

2011 has been a banner year where MEA's smart investments truly yielded real results. Did you know that in 2011 we leveraged more than \$26 million in private investments for solar energy systems on Maryland's state and local government buildings? Have you heard that MEA helped more than 1,800

accomplishments, download the [Maryland Energy Administration 2011 Year in Review](#).

Smart Energy Investment Map Now Online



Ever wonder how many wind installations there are in your neighborhood? Want to find electric vehicle charging stations? Visit [MEA's interactive Smart Energy Investment Map](#), and tour MEA's renewable and energy efficiency investments in Maryland.



MEA Provides Energy Upgrades for Residents of Prince George's County

For the past three years, MEA and United Communities Against Poverty were able to significantly reduce residential energy bills through the "EmPOWER



Maryland Electric Truck Voucher Program Now Open For Applications

The Maryland Electric Truck (MET) Voucher Program provides grants for the purchase of new, all electric trucks registered in the state of Maryland. For application details and additional information, visit the [MET Voucher Program website](#).

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